EXECUTIVE ORDER 2026-06

AN EXECUTIVE ORDER ESTABLISHING THE HONORARY SUB-NAMING OF BUTTONWOOD STREET BETWEEN A STREET AND B STREET IN HONOR OF CLARENCE WHITE

WHEREAS, the City of Wilmington is proud to recognize residents whose lives of service, leadership, and compassion have strengthened our neighborhoods and enriched the cultural fabric of our community; and

WHEREAS, Clarence R. White relocated to Delaware as a child and, in 1960, he realized a personal dream by opening his first business - the Atlantic Gas Station on Vandever Avenue. He ultimately established White's Body Shop at 410 South Buttonwood Street and later expanded the shop to 436 South Buttonwood Street; and

WHEREAS, White's Body Shop and its successor, White's Auto Sales, served as a cornerstone of Southbridge for more than five decades, providing exceptional auto body services, essential transportation options for residents, and functioning as a trusted community hub where Mr. White partnered with local officials, service organizations, and neighborhood groups to host events, donate resources, and offer free meals at the nearby park; and

WHEREAS, Mr. White's commitment to community service extended far beyond his business. "The Shop" provided employment and training opportunities for local residents and vocational students, while Mr. White served on the boards of the Nehemiah Gateway Community Development Corporation and the Wilmington Police Businessmen's Advisory Board, participated in youth-mentoring initiatives organized by Butch Lewis, and devoted more than two decades of service to Shiloh Baptist Church as a Trustee; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of Mr. White's profound and enduring contributions to the City of Wilmington, and pursuant to Wilmington City Code Section 2-3(b)(2), the Mayor will honor the request to sub-name Buttonwood Street between A Street and B Street as "Clarence White Way".

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOHN C. CARNEY, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON, DELAWARE, BY THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME, DO HEREBY ORDER:

1. Buttonwood Street between A Street and B Street shall be sub-named "**Clarence White Way**" in honor of the aforementioned.

2. A suitably prepared copy of this Executive Order shall be presented to the White Family.

3. This Executive Order shall become effective immediately upon its execution by the Mayor.

Signed this 23rd day of July, 2026.

John Carney

The Honorable John Carney
Mayor

Attest:

Akira R. Grenardo

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City Clerk